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Storms deliver destructive blows

Toppled trees, heavy rain —
SF State survives a beating

By Gayle Passaretti

SF State has not escaped a fury of storms that have lashed Northern California since Friday.

Trees tumbled, the entrance to the parking garage flooded, the Student Union leaked, and a skylight on the fifth floor patio of the New Administration building shattered onto the sidewalk below. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

"It's surprising we didn't have more damage," said David Howard, director of Facilities Planning and Operations.

On Tuesday at about 5:15 p.m., wind gusts measuring up to 92 mph loosened one of three 16-by-6-foot plastic and aluminum skylights from the fifth floor patio of the office of Vice President Alfred Leidy. It smashed onto the walkway between the New Administration and the Humanities buildings. Workers from the departments of Public Safety and Facilities Planning and Operations quickly cleared the area. Howard was unable to estimate the cost of the damage.

Two feet of water blanketed the entrance to the parking structure on South State Drive at 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday. Facilities Planning and Operations' crews cleared the water. There was no damage reported. According to Howard, the flooding was caused by a backflow of the drains that had temporarily filled to capacity.

Two basement rooms in the Creative Arts building were flooded with a few inches of water, said Howard. The rooms were cleared and no damage was reported.

Friday afternoon, winds estimated between 55 and 75 mph ripped through the campus, snapping off 90 feet of a 120-foot Monterey Cypress located in the quad area in front of the Business building. This area is still off-limits to pedestrians because of potentially hazardous branches. Cleanup is scheduled to begin on Monday.

Campus closed at 2 p.m. on Friday because of dangerous conditions due to high winds and heavy rain. Janet Kraut of the Office of Public Affairs said Provost Lawrence Ianni closed the campus on Howard's recommendation.

The Child Care Center also closed at 2 p.m. Parents of approximately 30 children were notified of the



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DPS officer Mark Denola and Pal Indarbhal cordon off hazardous area in front of the Behavioral and Social Sciences building.

Torque or trim: The strong wind still wins

By Gayle Passaretti

The 120-foot Monterey Cypress that fell Friday is one of three in the quad area to fall in the last five years, according to David Howard, director of Facilities Planning and Operations.

Howard said that the grounds crew could "forestall a lot that could happen" by trimming them, but that predicting which trees will fall is next to impossible.

Howard cited strong winds for downing the tree. "The wind whipped it so it started twisting," he said. "The tree failure was a torque failure." Torsion is defined as stress caused when one end of an object is twisted in one direction and the other end is held motionless.

Kevin Dixon, a tree trimmer here for a year and a half, is not sure tor-

sion was the only reason the tree fell.

"It broke because it was overgrown," he said. "It needed to be thinned out. It was too dense at the top. There was no room for the wind to blow through."

"Those trees in there are a mess. There's no way you can keep up with them."

Howard said the quad trees are trimmed on a regular basis, which "reduce load and mass of the tree so they don't have a tendency to break as much."

Dixon agrees that most of the trees are trimmed regularly. He is

not sure it's enough.

"With a shortage of personnel we have in the ground shop, I am forced to go and do other jobs that aren't tree trimming, other jobs as assigned," said Dixon.

Although Dixon said he doesn't mind doing the other jobs, he feels tree trimming should be his first priority.

"I've said from the get-go that I would like to go into the quad and lighten it up," he said.

Howard said 15 grounds workers and a two-man tree crew maintain the 93-acre campus.

"The tree trimmer occasionally does other work," said Howard. He denied that the tree trimmer might be spending too much time away from the trees.

Dixon is confident he can handle all of the trees on campus if he has

the time. Trimming the trees in the quad involves working on the Hi-Range truck which reaches 45 to 50 feet. To prune any higher requires him to climb. Trimming the top of a Monterey Cypress can take as long as a week.

Former campus gardener Laura Brennan is co-owner of Arbor Vitae, a San Francisco tree trimming service. Her husband, Ed, used to be the campus tree trimmer.

"Those trees in there (the quad) are a mess," she said. "There's no way you can keep up with them. They've been an on-going problem."

She reiterated Dixon's claims. They need a "major pruning job," she said. "Basically you want to keep the tree light enough and thinned out so air can go through the tree."



David Yee/Phoenix

Bruce Melendy of DPS warns of danger from falling trees.

CSU policies under protest

By Charles Augustine

A group of students calling themselves the Education Rights Commission met last Tuesday to protest the new California State University entrance requirements.

The group also spoke against proposed changes in the Equal Opportunity Program and Student Affirmative Action program.

Andy Wong, spokesman for the group of approximately 50 students, said the ERC wants to promote government funding for education, start a petition against the policies of the CSU trustees, develop new ideas to "fight the administration," and explain to students what the university system is doing.

The new entrance requirements, which will go into effect in 1988, will increase the number of high school courses required by new students to enter the CSU system. The new requirements are:

- four years of English
 - three years of math
 - one year of history
 - one year of science with a lab
 - two years of a foreign language usage
 - one year of visual/performing arts
 - three years of electives
- Current requirements are four

years of English and two years of Math.

In an SF State campus press conference on Dec. 12, CSU's Board of Trustees Chairman Ray Brophy said, "We're not denying access to minorities. We're denying access to the unqualified."

But the decision angered many students, especially minority and underprivileged students, who say this will make it more difficult for them to get into state universities.

Many, such as Raul Martinez, who represented La Raza Organization at the meeting, perceive this as an attack against Third World people by the Reagan administration.

"They (the establishment) are taking back the civil rights we have gained, and they will use any means to accomplish this," said Martinez.

Wong said he fails to see the logic in these changes since many public high schools don't even offer all the courses. He said that since many of the schools not offering these new requirements are in areas heavily populated by minorities, this might confirm what Martinez and others believe.

ERC members are also concerned about the decision by the CSU Chancellor's Office to form the Educational Equity Advisory Council, which suggests changes in the EOP and SAA programs.

Rift in English dept. over proposed change

By Chris Arellano

The besieged English department, reeling from a government investigation that found "probable cause" it practiced racial discrimination in hiring and from the administration's decision to reconstitute its Hiring, Retention and Tenure Committee meets today to decide how it will respond to its critics.

Last week, the department voted 21-14 to elect tenured minority professors from other departments to its hiring committee. The motion was passed in an effort to fend off the administration's decision to reconstitute the committee by filling half the positions with tenured minority professors from outside the department.

But Provost Lawrence Ianni said the election of the "members in question by the department would be a violation of the agreement the administration reached with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing to resolve the discrimination complaint."

Ianni said, however, he would consider suggestions from the department concerning appointments to the HRT.

The department also voted to "deplore and refuse to accept the Administration's punitive and unilateral action in reconstituting its hiring committee."

In the resolution, the department also took responsibility for "questionable hiring practices the last two years" and "a seeming lack of sen-

sitivity to our and the university's commitment to affirmative action, in theory and practice."

"Nobody likes the facts but they're there and we have to live with them," said English Professor John Edwards. "A wrong was done to this woman and the State of California told the university to do something."

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing was investigating a complaint of racial discrimination that was filed by Sau-Ling Wong, an assistant professor in the Asian-American Studies Program at UC Berkeley. Wong filed a complaint after she was denied a tenure-track position, despite possessing a doctorate, a prerequisite for the position that the eventual white recommendee, Anne Katz, lacked.

The English Department, the

largest in the university with 131 teachers, only four of whom are members of minority groups, was criticized by some of its professors for surrendering to the provost's order, which violates the California Faculty Association contract. Other members of the department felt that since the Wong case was never tried in court, the English Department has not been proven guilty of racial discrimination or anything else.

"The most serious charge has been brought against my colleagues, that they were academically and spiritually corrupt," said Michael Zimmerman, a professor in the department. "If you accept the fact that the Kohn (1984 hiring) committee was racist and if you agree that the English Department has been racist over the last 10 years it would be okay to take this ar-

bitrary action.

"But nothing has been proven. Ianni has determined that we are racist and must be dealt with severely. I reject his suggestion. He has offered no proof," said Zimmerman, who said he hopes the department reverses itself today.

Stanley Tick, another professor who voted against the resolution, also criticized Ianni.

"Were I a member of the current HRT committee, I would be very actively seeking legal advice with the goal of bringing suit against the provost for defamation of character," wrote Tick in a memo he circulated among department members. "For his unprecedented scheme implies only one thing: that unless people of color sit beside me I am sure to exercise my (colorless)

See English, page 12.

Minority profs react to proposal

By Bill Hutchinson

The agreement between SF State's administration and the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing to reconstitute the English department's hiring committee has been greeted with a mixed reaction among minority faculty members on campus.

While some minority faculty members believe the plan, initiated by Provost Lawrence Ianni, is a step in the right direction, others think the opposite.

"There seems to be a universal assumption that somehow or another racism is a problem of people of color," said Laura Head, an SF State associate professor of Black Studies. "So we (people of color) are then asked to donate our time to help make the white folks be less racist. That makes their racism our problem instead of their problem."

Head said the plan is wrong because it is putting minority faculty members in the middle of a fight between the administration and the English department.

"We are being treated as commodities," she said. "Except this time we are the commodities that are supposed to help the English department get its act together."

Ianni offered to reconstitute the English department's Hiring, Retention and Tenure committee in December, after a state investigator found probable cause that it discriminated against a minority applicant bidding for a tenure track position in the department.

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Heat on hold; still cold

By Lauinda McNeil

The women's locker room, which has been without heat for a year, will have new heaters installed within two months, said David Howard, director of Facilities Planning and Operations.

Last semester, Diane Higgins, an equipment attendant in the women's locker room, initiated a petition demanding that heat be provided in the gymnasium locker room. The petition, signed by 575 women, was presented to SF State President Chia-Wei Woo.

Higgins said she is skeptical of the plan to install heaters.

"I don't believe anything that they say, unless I see it with my own eyes."

She said Facilities Planning and

Operations promised to install heaters over the semester break, before students returned.

"We did promise heaters, but we couldn't deliver because there was a delay in getting one of the heaters," said Howard.

"The old system is corroded and has serious leaks. It's inoperative. Two-thirds is operating and giving them quite a bit of heat, but we don't expect it to hold up," he said.

The four heaters, to be placed in the older part of the women's locker room, will cost \$7,500, which includes material and labor, Howard said.

Facilities Planning and Operations will install the heaters.

"We expect that some of the work will disrupt some of the activities, but we plan to find ways to

work around it," said Howard. He said the installers may work on weekends or in the afternoons when students will not be in the gym and a schedule will be worked out with Higgins to see when it will be convenient.

The women's locker room is part of a campus-wide renovation of the 32-year-old heating system.

Howard said renovation of the system will include repairs and replacement of major components.

This renovation will be completed in five years or less, depending on funding, and will cost approximately \$500,000, he said.

At the end of the summer, work will begin in the library, Hensill Hall and the Education and New Administration buildings. Howard estimates the cost of these renovations to be about \$30,000.

Scientists hope to make contact: A symposium on life in space

By Robert Slager

There are radio waves in outer space. People listen to them all the time. They live for the day the station will change. They wait for the answer to the question posed so often: Are we alone?

A symposium presented by the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) will commence a two-day program this weekend at the California Academy of Sciences. A panel of six speakers will discuss the political, diplomatic and cultural implications of detecting extraterrestrial intelligence, as well as the reasons radio waves hold the key to possible contact.

Sponsored by the NEXA program at SF State and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, this interdisciplinary symposium runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Morrison Auditorium. General admission is \$35 and the student rate is \$17.50.

The SETI Institute is a California non-profit corporation that con-

ducts and promotes research in the search for extraterrestrial life. SETI is one part of NASA's exobiology program, the goal of which is to understand the origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe.

Dr. Diana Reiss of NEXA will serve as symposium coordinator. NEXA is a campus program that merges science with humanities, creating a wider base of study. The symposium will deal with the issue of extraterrestrialism from that viewpoint.

Bernard Oliver, chief of the SETI program at NASA Ames Research Center at UC Berkeley, will present "Life in the Universe." Jill Tater from the SETI Institute and Space Sciences Laboratory at UC Berkeley will follow with "Past and Proposed SETI Efforts: A Comparison."

Saturday evening, Michael Lampton, astronaut in training and Ph.D. in physics and astronomy, will speak on "Perspectives from Space." The evening will conclude

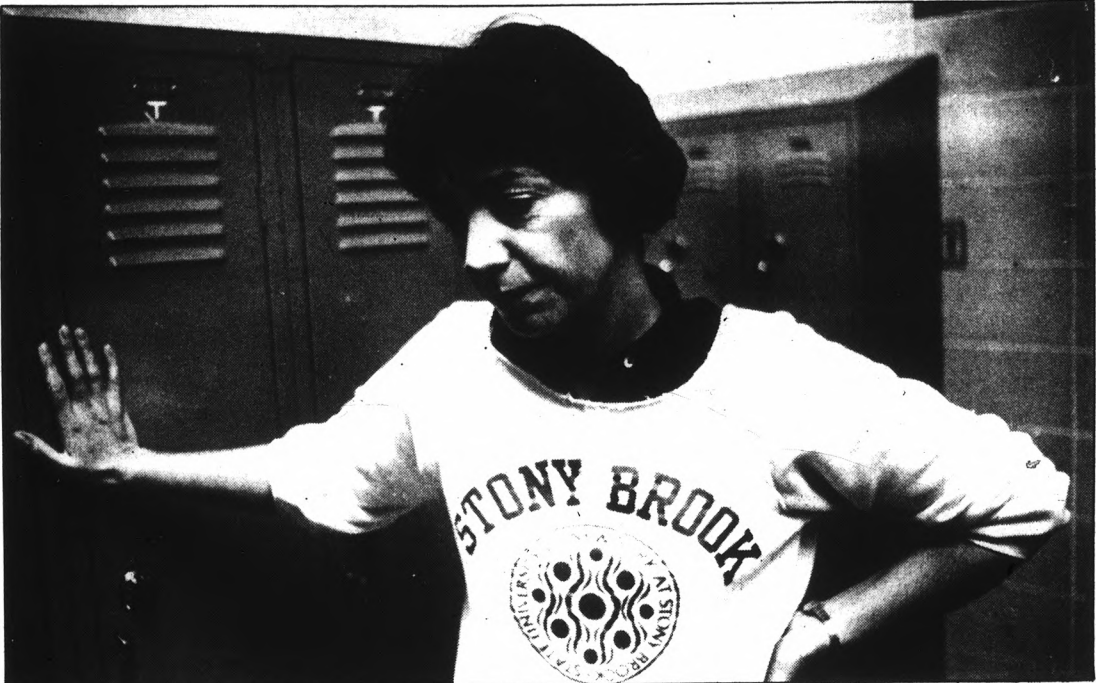
with a slide show.

On Sunday Frank Drake, dean of Natural Sciences, UC Santa Cruz, will present "The Fermi Paradox and the Drake Equation." Drake shared in the discovery of the radiation belts of Jupiter and played an important role in the early understanding of pulsars. He constructed the first interstellar message ever transmitted to establish contact with extraterrestrial civilizations.

The effect contact would have on special groups, such as scientists and theologians, will be explored by Mary Connors of NASA Ames. The personal and social changes that might follow such detection will also be discussed.

"We are all amateurs at predicting the future," Connors said. "I want to know what people from all different positions have to say."

Buddy Nelson of KCBS radio, the final guest speaker, will touch upon what the media's role would be after the discovery of extraterrestrial intelligence.



Attendant Diane Higgins wants heat in the locker room.

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Outspoken Ed Asner to lecture on campus

By Ross Larsen

Actor Edward Asner, outspoken political critic and controversial former president of the Screen Actors Guild, will visit SF State next Wednesday to deliver a lecture titled, "Our Present Political Course and the Necessity for Students/Citizens to Get Involved."

Best known for his Emmy Award winning role as Lou Grant on the Mary Tyler Moore show and his own series, the Lou Grant show, Asner has used his fame to promote causes ranging from union rights to U.S. involvement in Central America. He is currently in Australia pro-

moting the anti-nuclear movement.

The liberal Democrat became politically visible in 1980 as a leader of the month-long television actors' strike. In 1981 he was elected president of the Screen Actors Guild and began a public campaign against U.S. involvement in Central America. Many in Hollywood speculated that the campaign resulted in the cancellation of his highly acclaimed Lou Grant show in 1982.

As president of SAG, Asner generated opposition among Reagan supporters in the guild who were against his use of the presidency as a political stump.

Leading the opposition was former guild president Charlton

Heston, a staunch Reagan supporter who refused to participate in a televised SAG tribute because of its unionist theme and eventually called for Asner's resignation in 1984.

Heston and other Reagan supporters, such as Clint Eastwood, formed the Actors Working for an Actors Guild specifically to oppose Asner's politics. Despite the group's efforts, Asner won overwhelming re-election in 1983.

Since 1980 Asner has completed documentaries and public service announcements on such topics as AIDS, battered women, rape response, the Small Business Council, the Animal Protection Institute, an-

ti-nuclear information and child abuse.

For his efforts, Asner has received several awards, including the Ms. Male Hero Award, the Woody Guthrie Humanitarian Award and The "SANE" Peace Award.

Asner stepped down from the SAG presidency this year, giving his support to current president Patty Duke, who shares many of his views. He is currently spending his time speaking for causes that seek his help.

Tickets to the lecture, are \$3.00 for students and \$4.00 general. They are available at the Student Union Information Desk and all Bass outlets.



Jim Perkins and Health Center intern Gabrielle Dlugosch

AIDS forum on campus

By Bill Baumeister

Some people still worry about catching AIDS from kissing, from touching someone who has it, or from eating food handled by someone with the disease.

Health Educator Jim Perkins has organized an AIDS forum series to help clarify the facts.

"We want to keep people abreast with the latest information — for instance, the recent studies about the virus in saliva," said Perkins.

The series, sponsored by the Health Center, will begin next Monday, with the first of five weekly drop-in groups covering current information about AIDS.

The open groups will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Health Center conference room and will be hosted by Perkins and Health Education intern Gabrielle Dlugosch.

"The purpose of the forum is two-fold," said Perkins. "We want to allay unnecessary fears about catching the disease and we want to get information about prevention to those who are at risk."

Perkins emphasized that the series is open to all students, not just to sexually active gay men, the largest high-risk group.

The series will include:

- Feb. 24 — Basic Information about AIDS
- March 3 — "Safe Sex" and AIDS Prevention

- March 10 — Heterosexuals and AIDS
- March 17 — AIDS Antibody Testing
- March 24 — Women and AIDS

The meetings will begin with a presentation by the co-ordinators and will be followed by an informal discussion among the participants.

In addition to the series, the Health Center offers on-going group and peer counseling for anyone who wants to talk about his or her experiences with AIDS-related problems.

Perkins is also forming an AIDS Prevention Project Advisory Board consisting of representatives from numerous departments and organizations on campus.

Also, as a follow-up to SF State's AIDS Prevention Week last November, Perkins has prepared a free information booklet titled SF State University Handbook on AIDS Prevention.

The booklet covers topics such as how to recognize early AIDS symptoms, how AIDS is transmitted, how serious the threat is, and what it means to be at risk — subjects that are of most concern. Included is a list of where to go for more information, with addresses and telephone numbers.

For more information about these programs call 469-1251.

By Mark Prado

A bill that would give students legal protection while working with hazardous materials in campus laboratories is under consideration by the state Legislature.

The bill, sponsored by state Sen. Nicholas Petris, D-Oakland, is intended to give students the same rights as employees who work in the school laboratories.

Kirk Knutsen, legislative director of the UC student lobby, said the bill would also provide an ombudsman for each campus, who would handle student complaints about laboratories.

Students are not currently protected by the act that gives state employees the right to know what substances they are exposed to while in

the laboratory.

"The bill would repeal the exemption that exists for students under the Hazardous Substances and Training Act," said Knutsen.

The bill provides protection only for students in the University of California and California State University systems.

Knutsen said the creation of an ombudsman on each campus was an important part of the bill.

"As it stands now, students who see safety problems in the lab report them to the professor," Knutsen said. "It is the professor, however, who is responsible for the lab. Sometimes students will be hesitant to complain because they fear retribution from the professor."

Campus Environmental Health and Occupational Safety officers

are authorized to clean up laboratory accidents, but they do not hear or investigate complaints.

Under the bill, schools would also be required to make available to students who work in the laboratories information about health effects from exposure to hazardous materials, safety precautions for handling them, and procedures for dealing with accidents.

"We are concerned about student safety in laboratories," said Paul Knepprath, legislative director from the California State Student Association, a lobby for CSU students. "We will definitely support the bill."

The first stop for the bill is the

Senate Industrial Relations Committee. If it passes, it moves to the Appropriations Committee and then to the Senate floor for a vote. It will go through an identical process in the Assembly, then to the governor for final approval.

"I don't see any opposition to the intent of the bill," Knutsen said. "Any problems will probably hinge on funding."

He said that it would cost about \$30,000 per campus for the ombudsmen, or \$840,000 for all 28 CSU and UC campuses.

"I think the prospects are good, though. I think everybody is concerned with student safety."

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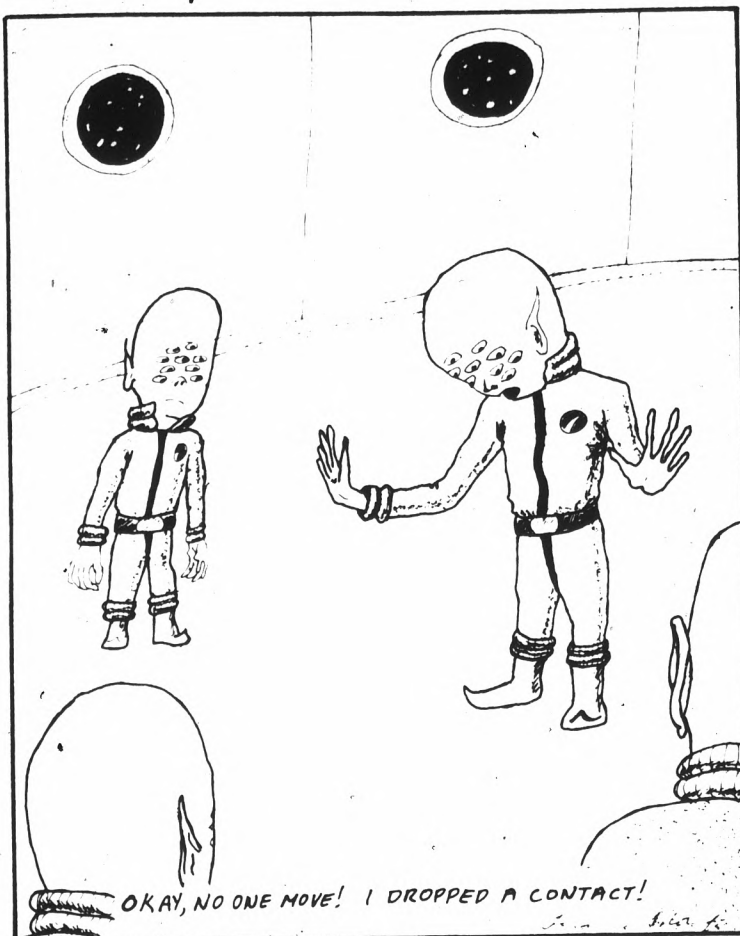
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Reaction

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Tuesday, Sau-ling Wong agreed to drop her complaint and accepted Ianni's proposal to reconstitute the department's HRT committee.

The restructuring will change the English department's HRT committee by adding one position to the existing five. Under the plan agreed upon three of those seats will be filled by tenured minority professors from outside the department.

"I don't believe that it will help to have minority faculty on an HRT committee that's hiring into a department that is primarily non-minority," said Jacob Perea, La Raza Studies department chair. "I think there first has to be an attitudinal change in the department."

However Perea said that given the present situation of the English department's hiring practices, the

new attempt agreed upon might be the only alternative.

"At least this will stir up the consciousness in the English department," said Perea. "Whether it's going to stir it up in the right direction or not is another question."

George Woo, Asian American Studies chair, said that placing minority professors on the English department's HRT committee is a step in the right direction because it will bring into focus the problems the department is facing.

"Their record for hiring minorities... has not been very good," said Woo, pointing out that only four of the 131 English department faculty members are minority. "I think that if this incident didn't happen, the vast majority of the people in the English department would not have realized the problems they are facing."

Student Union holds tournament

The annual tournament in billiards, pingpong, backgammon and foosball will take place Saturday, April 5, in the Student Union's Rack-N-Cue Games Room.

The competition, sponsored by the Student Union, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prizes for the first, second and

third place winners will include trophies, certificates, paddles for the winners of pingpong and a custom, break-down pool cue for the top place in billiards.

The sign-up deadline is Wednesday, April 2 and the cost will be \$1 per game entered.

Peace Corps recruiting bid

Peace Corps representatives will be on campus this week to provide students with information about career opportunities.

Peace Corps recruiters and returning volunteers will answer questions and discuss their experiences.

The Peace Corps is celebrating its 25th anniversary with nationwide symposiums. President John F. Kennedy established the organization March 1, 1960.

For the past 25 years, over 120,000 people have served as volunteers and staff in 93 countries. Six thousand volunteers and staff work in 62 countries.

Since 1961, SF State has ranked 16th among college campuses na-

tionwide, providing over 700 volunteers to the corps.

As part of the anniversary celebration, SF State also hosted a special symposium at Seven Hills Conference Center on Jan. 18, where over 400 returning volunteers, families of current volunteers and members from the World Affairs Council attended.

Beginning yesterday and running through Friday, Peace Corps activities will include a career development and information booth at the Student Union, open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Slide shows with Peace Corps representatives will be held today at 5 p.m. and noon Friday at the Old Administration building Room 228.

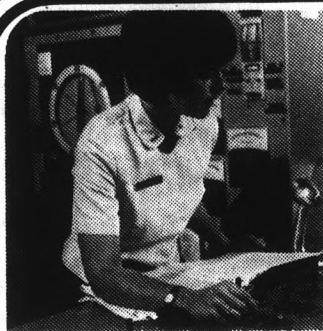
Talk to the animals

SF State faculty member Diana Reiss talks to fish. She is trying to prove that they can answer her back.

Reiss, a communication theorist in the Speech and Communications department and the NEXA program, is studying dolphin cognition and communication in her Marine World laboratory in Vallejo. She is looking for volunteers for a research project.

Part of her research consists of underwater keyboards (which she designed) through which dolphins can choose food or activities. Students of all majors can receive academic credit for their work in areas such as psychology, biology, and speech. Students must commit to one full day per week at her laboratory.

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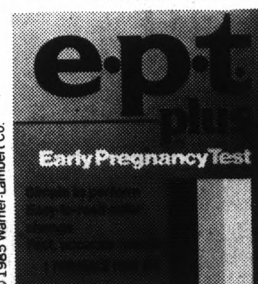
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Opinion

Maintain student aid

According to its supporters, the balanced budget bill which President Reagan signed in December will prevent future generations from having to pay for our mistakes. The argument goes like this: Without such a bill, U.S. representatives and senators will continue to approve programs that the nation can't afford. Their interest in accumulating votes will override their concern for a soaring U.S. debt. Future generations will be unfairly saddled with the obligation to pay this debt and its interest.

Concern for future generations is laudable, but the immediate effects of the Gramm-Rudman balanced budget law are anything but good tidings for future generations. Colleges nationwide have been advised that student aid programs will be severely cut back as a result of the bill. Some higher-education lobbyists expect a reduction of about 30 percent in most college assistance programs by 1987.

How are we helping future generations by depriving their parents of an education? How are we helping future generations by limiting access to college so that only the middle and upper classes can attend?

Gramm-Rudman mandates automatic spending cuts if Congress isn't able to balance the budget on its own. Cuts will be evenly divided between defense and domestic programs. Phoenix calls for maintaining all student aid at existing levels, in effect exempting it from the new legislation.

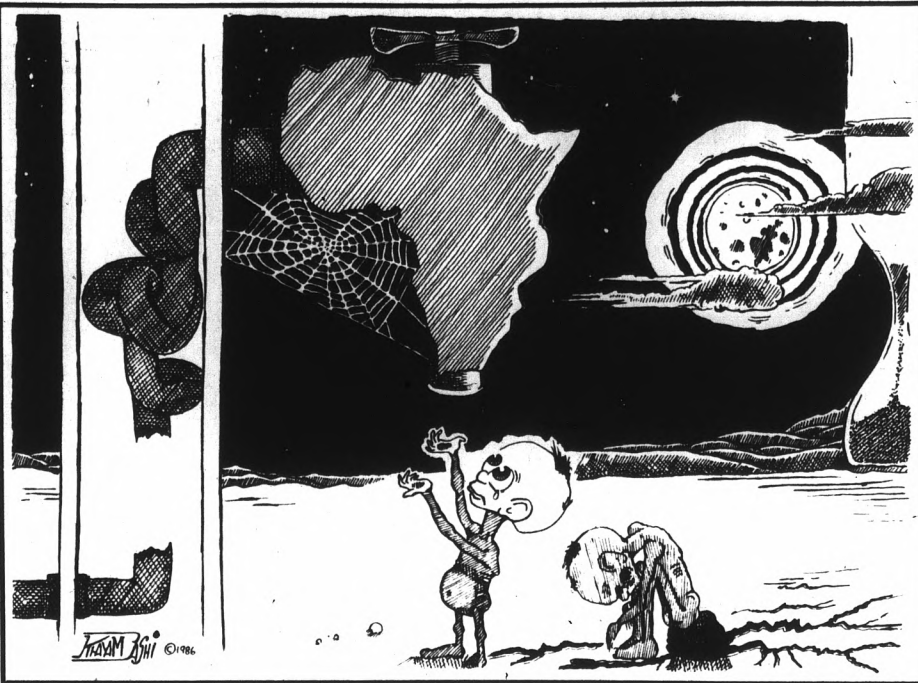
Why? Student aid is based on need. Grants don't pay for frills. They are carefully calculated to cover costs of tuition, food, books and other living expenses — all of which have increased 7 percent in the last year.

Also, the burden of the financial aid cutbacks will fall mainly on those with low incomes, many of whom are minority students. The impact of these cuts on attempts to increase enrollment of underrepresented minorities in all levels of higher education has yet to be measured. It is likely to aggravate an already alarming situation.

Some argue that the national debt, now close to \$2 trillion, has grown to such horrendous proportions that drastic actions are justified. Contrary to common thought, however, the real U.S. debt is not as high as it once was. When the public debt is adjusted for inflation, the debt is \$2,982 per capita; \$2,000 less than it was in 1945.

Others argue that unchecked deficit spending will lead to an unhealthy economy with skyrocketing interest rates and too much reliance on foreign capital. Maintaining student aid at existing levels doesn't require deficit spending. Congress can resort to tax increases to maintain priority programs.

To ensure equal access to education, grants and loans must not be reduced. Legislators must "trim the fat" from other programs or accept the necessity of a tax increase. Those who support equal opportunity in higher education should make certain their legislators know.



Letters to the editor

Re-entry

Editor:

Bill Baumeister's splendid article in the Feb. 6 edition of the Phoenix highlighted the unique characteristics and exceptional commitment of students returning to a formalized educational setting after varying periods of absence. In addition, he identified services and advocates for re-entry students across campus.

One essential service that was not mentioned is provided by the testing center director, Ruth Murray, and her staff. They are heavily involved in the special testing of students admitted through the Re-entry Admissions Program (RAP).

They also assist students who have been out of school for many years in the resolution of problems associated with course-related testing.

I appreciate this opportunity to call attention to this important function and the persons who perform it.

Edith Arrick
Advising Center

Dobbs doused

Editor,

As one whose sojourn at SF State is in no small degree an escape from the empty rhetoric and all-too-commonplace propaganda of the "outside" world, I found Dr. Stephen Dobbs' letter in your Feb. 13 issue very disturbing.

Dobbs attacks many of the arguments that were used by David Finnigan in his (Finnigan's) column in the Jan. 30 Phoenix, "One nation's terrorists are another's freedom fighters." Aside from the fact that Dobbs gives us no reasons to believe that the above-quoted statement is not true (After all, many Arabs think Arafat a hero; many Libyans think Khadafy a hero etc.), his argument is merely that such men are not heroes to him.

One wonders if Dobbs has ever carefully read a high school or college textbook of American history where at least some sins don't go unnoticed — even in the name of democracy.

The fact that a professor of the humanities can call one form of violence (let's call it "terrorism") good while calling another form of violence (let's call it "freedom fighting") bad, makes one wonder how humanizing the humanities actually are.

Dobbs claims that "any (terrorist) cause is contaminated by their unspeakable barbarities," but he does not claim that any freedom-fighting cause is likewise contaminated. Does he believe that our hands are clean? Reagan himself often hints, rather openly, that this is not so.

The other thing that bothers me greatly in Dobbs' letter is his statement that Finnigan's opinion, bravely expressed in his Jan. 30 column, would be grounds for "summary dismissal" were the writer working anywhere else than on a "laboratory" newspaper. This statement totally contradicts the major point of Dobbs' letter, which is that here, at least, one is free.

And surely Dobbs, an educated man, must know about the propagandist "slant" that almost all media give to the news. Were he to move to San Diego where the media is very right-wing, he would soon discover that editorial liberties, far greater than those in Phoenix, are commonplace.

I am proud of the student publications at this campus (which incidentally, avoid ad hominem arguments — unlike Dobbs) and I am delighted with the political savvy and fervor of the students here — who, I assume, will find the flaws in Dobbs' argument, despite the fact that he is a professor at this school.

Phoenix welcomes response from its readers. All letters should be typewritten and mailed to: "Letters to the Editor," Phoenix, 1600 Holloway Ave., SF, CA 94123 or dropped off in HLL 207.

Esther Sternthal

Dr. Willia B. Gray
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"Destructive Engagement" in South Africa

The nature of apartheid, its startling disregard for human and political rights, and the deadening consequences of such a system for blacks in South Africa have been well detailed in the media. The unsettling thought of South Africa as an arena for international confrontation has been mentioned in passing. The comprehensive nature of U.S. political, economic and corporate support for apartheid has not been a topic for concentrated media attention. We can watch the evening news with righteous indignation as black people are shot down with the cameras rolling; then we can jump up and fill our gas tanks with Shell after the news, as we lack information about U.S. economic/corporate support of the apartheid system.

The U.S. government maintains a policy of "constructive engagement" with the South African government that encourages and facilitates continuation of economic, political and cultural ties between South Africa and the United States. The theory of this Reagan-initiated policy is that we maintain/enhance political, economic and cultural links with that nation in order that South Africa will respond positively to U.S. pressure for "changes" in apartheid. This U.S. policy intro-

duced by Reagan has not in any way seemed to soften the whip of apartheid or decreased the sting of oppression. Instead in these years we have noted an alarming acceleration of repression by the South African government, with more than a thousand killed in conflicts of the past twelve months. Based on the history of constructive engagement, we would submit *destructive engagement* as a more appropriate and accurate description.

Destructive engagement has continued as the South African government escalates brutality against blacks of that country, interferes with neighboring black nations by occupying Namibia and attacking Angola, Mozambique, Zambia and Lesotho. Destructive engagement allows Del Monte, General Motors and a host of others to send thousands of jobs to the slave-wage labor market of apartheid while the unemployed become the "homeless" of this nation. Though the calls for divestment gain in volume, though the financial needs of segments of our communities are ignored, Bank of America, Citicorp and other banks fiscally fuel the economy of South Africa.

A broad spectrum of protest from people of all colors, various religious groups, differing political

parties, varying economic classes, professional associations, trade unions and university campuses has come together ... stating in various ways from many platforms that they want the U.S. political and economic support of apartheid ended. The moral indignation of the nation has not been so ignited since the days of Vietnam. And yet our government continues its path of destructive engagement.

The hour appears late in South Africa's destiny. The South African government adds to its already sophisticated war machine. Blacks of that nation move from making the townships ungovernable to defensive actions against their oppressors — with little more than sticks and stones as their weapons. The responsibility to pressure our government, the leading Western power, to cease its support of the apartheid regime lies with citizens of this country. The hour is late ... maybe too late to avoid the whirlwind that will sweep away black and white lives in its path, but we must try — for our humanity and for that of all people of South Africa.

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A "Gringo's" view from the other side

By Paul Kullman

Tijuana is saturated with poor Latin Americans waiting for a chance to get into the United States. Five of the nine people responding to my ad in the Tijuana paper *El Mexicano* for a place to live wanted to marry a "gringo" and begin the good life "al otro lado" (on the other side). I was a salmon going against the stream. Everyone I met was trying to get to where I came from.

In my search for a place to live, I met Jose. He had just gone through the two-day bus ride from Mexico City, which had cleaned out most of his life savings, except for three wrinkled U.S. dollars and a dime that he proudly showed me. He was 16 and from a farm town near Puebla. Over my treat of pozole — pork and hominy soup — he told me about his plan to cross the border that evening. His destination — Los Angeles.

"Al otro lado" he envisioned fancy cars, beautiful homes and well-paying jobs. I sometimes wonder if Jose's dream was shattered by the border patrol. If he was one of those undocumented workers I saw dumped off the jail-like buses at the border every evening.

After three weekends of searching for a place to live, I met a 54-year-old Mexican named Oscar in Colonia Altamira, a shanty hilltop community west of downtown Tijuana. We walked down a rough dirt road to his home, hidden behind a peeling white picket fence. Plants, weighed down by dust, dominated the shack. From his patio overgrown with vines, I could view downtown San Diego. We agreed on \$50 per month,

and I moved in with him that weekend.

Oscar saved money while working as a female impersonator in Hollywood. He snuck back into Mexico with his savings and bought the house, half of which was rented out to the Garcia family from Guadalajara for \$25 per month. The family of 10 shared one bedroom, a living room, kitchen and bathroom.

The father of the Garcia family, Manuel, commutes across the border to San Diego to work as a transmission repairman. The mother, Anita, labors by the scrub board most of the day and the oldest son, Herman, has a full-time job in a perfume shop. He earns \$25 per week. Oscar refuses to work for a wage as low as Herman's and instead lives prudently off the minuscule rent money.

I explained to Oscar and members of the Garcia family that I wanted to meet Mexicans to improve my Spanish and, more importantly, to try to understand their mentality, their outlook on life. They obviously found it strange that a gringo would want to live with them in their poverty. The neighbors didn't understand the concept of mentality, but did grasp the idea of money. Therefore, I usually explained my motives by saying I couldn't afford the high rent in the United States.

Making friends in Tijuana was difficult. People became your friend to get money or to find a way "al otro lado." I couldn't blame them after experiencing their daily life. "Gringos tienen mucho dinero," they said. And many times I had to agree. Even as a struggling student, I had more money than they did.

Two acquaintances, Blanca, 45, and her daughter

Reyna, 22, have to pay 8,000 pesos (\$40) per month rent. Blanca has tuberculosis and is confined to the apartment. As a secretary Reyna earns 10,000 pesos (\$50) per month. They barely survive and live in constant fear of a rent boost. At night Reyna wanders from house to house selling used dresses and jackets for other people. She receives a paltry commission for this. To solve their problems, Reyna is searching for an American husband.

But, I met people even worse off. Three peasants from Guatemala led a hand-to-mouth existence. A few weeks earlier two Tijuana coyotes (guides) promised to safely get them across the border. The coyotes brought them to the hills overlooking the beaches of Tijuana and pointed out how the Guatemalans should sneak past the checkpoint below.

The coyotes collected a handsome fee and took off. The Guatemalans succeeded in getting past the checkpoint, but soon found out that this checkpoint wasn't the U.S. point of entry, but the toll booths on the highway to Ensenada.

After six months this foreign world got to be too much and I moved back to the United States. Again, I can take running water and central heating for granted. Despite the hardship, I don't regret my experiment. Putting myself in that environment gave me the ability to see the world with their eyes and I now see why many look to the north.

Last weekend I drove down to Tijuana to visit Oscar. The house was all boarded up and the plants were wilting. Anita was sweeping the patio on her half of the house. I asked her where Oscar was and in an assuring voice she answered, "Al otro lado."

Finnigan File

Babies with babies

By David Finnigan

Last year in New York City, a 10-year-old child gave birth. That 10-year-old girl, who may not be old enough to cross the street by herself is one of approximately one million teen-agers and preteen-agers who get pregnant annually, according to a report released last week by the House Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. That child, who is now a mother, was in the fifth-grade at the time.

The fact that a child gave birth to another child is in itself a shocking statement on the condition of our country when it comes to teaching sex education to elementary and secondary-school. But if the data published by the House Select Committee is accurate, our younger brothers and sisters are or will be facing moral dilemmas about teen-age sex as they are trapped in a national public school system that refuses to extensively discuss these issues.

From 1974 to 1982, the report said, the estimated pregnancy rate per 1000 females aged 15 to 19 jumped from 99 to 112. By 1983, 14 percent of all births in the United States were to adolescent mothers. There were in 1983, 9,752 births to children under 15, 489,286 reported births to teen-agers aged 15 to 19 (half of them unmarried), and another 400,000 teen-age pregnancies that ended in abortion.

In light of these shocking statistics, the House Select Committee is calling for a \$50 million appropriation to help states start or expand clinic-based pregnancy prevention programs. According to committee Chair George Miller, the Democratic congressman from Contra Costa County, some of these programs have reduced teen-age pregnancies by 25 to 50 percent but, Miller added, the number of these programs is small when compared to the size of the problem.

The problem in asking Congress for \$50 million to combat teenage pregnancy is that Miller runs smack into the cost cutting done through Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law. It is estimated that this law will mean a 25 percent cut in domestic programs. Stopping ninth-graders from getting pregnant and ending up on welfare is one program that falls under the axe.

So we are forced to turn back to the schools and the family, what there is left of them, to teach 14-year-olds that it is just plain wrong to have sex at that age.

There are two camps fighting each other over the sex-education-in-the-schools issue. The more conservative group says that sex education should be taught at home since they think people should not have sex until they are married. The more progressive, liberal camp argues that since these kids are going to have sex despite teacher's and parent's advice, they ought to protect each other and openly discuss sexual issues at school.

When I was in junior high school I had about a month of sex education in my health class and that was it. The problem with that kind of teaching is that it puts sex education and the problems that it's trying to prevent into a capsulized learning segment about health in general.

Teen-age sexual awareness is too large a task to be relegated to a segment in health class. Sex education must be made as paramount a part of education from kindergarten through 12th-grade as reading, writing, arithmetic, and, most recently, computers. If we can teach our children how to add and subtract, how to write their feelings on Shakespeare and then log them into an Apple or IBM, then, for the survival of this republic's next generation it is imperative that sexual issues be taught, then openly discussed and debated.

Sex is very much out in the open in our society, particularly for high school students and those going through the junior high jungle called puberty.

It is an open, honest learning atmosphere about sex that will help us through this crisis, a crisis just as profound as that hitting the gay community because of AIDS. The difference is that this dilemma is your 13-year-old brother's or sister's hassle.

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A WEEK OF DESTRUCTION

THE INCESSANT STORMS THAT CAME OUR WAY

Watching and waiting

Theatre Arts major Sherron Weldon was forced to miss her class last Wednesday as rain and winds gusting up to 70 miles per hour kept her twin sons at home and threatened the commute routes into San Francisco. Up to six inches of water flowed into Weldon's bedroom, which is three feet lower than the rest of the house, destroying the carpets. The storm took her away from work on her master's thesis. Instead, she spent the day protecting the front of the house.

"It's been rather hectic," she said. "I haven't been able to start my thesis yet."

Despite the flood problems, Weldon said she would not leave Marin.



King Sun Chiu seals expensive video equipment and himself in plastic as he makes a return trip to the Audio/Visual center.





Fear and relief

(Above) As the huge Valentine's Day storm swept through the Bay Area and caused the banks of the Petaluma River to flood the street, Dianna Hillard gets an express ride from her husband Norm to their threatened home. (Below) Dianna hugs her neighbor as Norm tells her that their house survived any flood damage. "The last time we had a flood, the water was up to the light switches," she said.

The long periods of rain and winds caused low-lying areas of Petaluma, as well as several Bay Area cities, to be evacuated.



A group of Petaluma school children get a special ride through the city's flooded streets. Several cars were damaged as the rising water seeped into the interiors.

Tax classes in Student Union

By Dan Jacobson

For students who do not know how to fill out their tax forms, V-I-T-A spells relief.

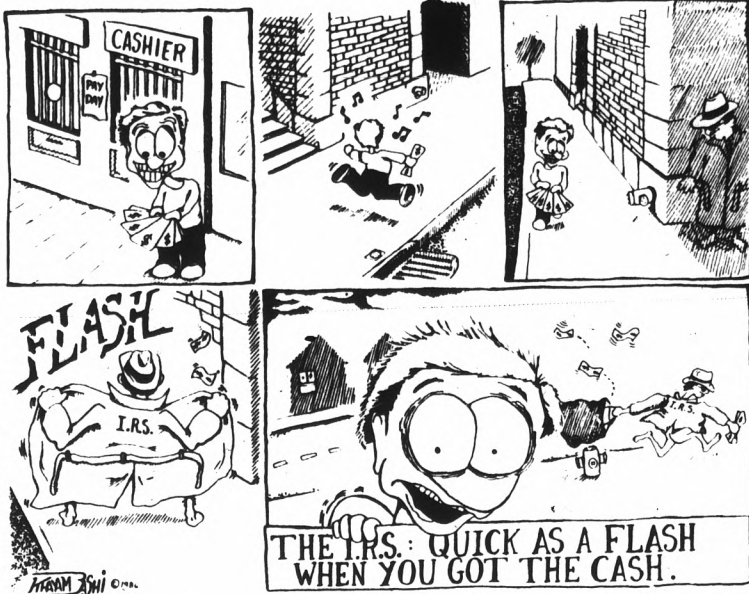
Free income tax help is offered by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, where students are helped by other students who have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

The program, sponsored by the Legal Referral Center, the IRS and the State Franchise Tax Board, is staffed by trained volunteers with either an accounting or business background. Associate professor Robert Daniels, an attorney who teaches a class on federal income tax on campus, coordinates the student effort.

"We have 55 student volunteers who are here to assist in rather simple tax matters," said Kwi Lee, director of V-I-T-A. Lee went on to say that "The students are not here to handle complex tax issues, but are able to help in filling out the basic 1040 and 1040A forms."

Lee urges students to bring all the pertinent information to their personal appointment. "In the past, students have forgotten to bring their interest statements from their banks and don't realize they may be entitled to refunds," explained Lee.

The free service is available to all students in the basement of the Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in B-119, and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in M-113.



Discrimination suit to be decided soon

By Maria Gaura

Judge Daniel Hanlon has postponed Myra Sheehan's reinstatement hearing until Feb. 28 in order to give attorneys in the case more time for preparation.

Sheehan was awarded \$208,250 last week after a jury decided she had been fired from her job as a DPS sergeant because she is gay, thus violating her civil rights.

Because it is a civil rights case, the court may award attorneys' fees to Sheehan, and order her reinstated to her job.

Sheehan has requested that she be reinstated, despite her concern that hostility may result from the case.

"I'll take the job back," said Sheehan. "It's up to the administration on what they plan to do with someone who has been convicted in court of discrimination. If I'm reinstated I will request an order that he (DPS Director Jon Schorle) cease and desist harassing me."

Neither DPS nor the university will comment on the case. Director Schorle could not be reached for comment.

Prof arrested

By Julie Marchasin

A part-time lecturer in the SF State School of Business was arrested Tuesday for possession and sale of methamphetamines and possession of cocaine, according to police.

Dennis R. Smith, 43, who teaches Management Communication, was arrested at his San Francisco apartment after an undercover agent acting on a confidential tip purchased \$25 worth of drugs from him last Thursday, said Investigator Bob Davis of the San Francisco Police Department.

Police found scales, materials for packaging drugs and more than \$2,000 worth of methamphetamines in his apartment, Davis said.

Smith was held in the San Francisco county jail and released yesterday on his own recognizance. Davis said he expects Smith to be arraigned today.

Since fall 1985, Smith has taught Management Communication, a class cross-listed by the School of Business and the Speech and Communications Studies department. In fall 1983 and spring 1984 he taught Speech 150.

Patrick Hunt, Speech and Communications Studies department chair, said the arrest was "very shocking." Smith "has enjoyed a good reputation as an instructor, a good professional reputation," he said. "Everyone I know has always held him in high esteem."

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Campus thefts

Four book bags were reported stolen from the Student Union this week, three of them from the open "cubby holes" near the Franciscan Shops. The bags were stolen while the owners were shopping in the bookstore.

DPS reported a citizen's arrest concerning the attempted theft of a backpack in the Student Union, but could provide no details.

Residents at Verducci Hall reported two burglaries and a prowler this week. A female resident awoke at 5 a.m. Saturday morning and saw a man standing in her doorway. The man fled after the woman screamed. The woman described the prowler as a black man, approximately 6 feet 1 inch tall. No suspects were apprehended.

Poetry reading

The Poetry Center will have a special reading this month featuring internationally acclaimed South African novelist J.M. Coetzee.

The Poetry Center does not usually have prose readings, but the opportunity to have someone of Coetzee's background and stature is so unusual that an exception has been made, according to Frances Phillips, director of the Poetry Center.

Coetzee is currently teaching at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

The reading is cosponsored by the Poetry Center and the SF State English department and will be held in the Barbary Coast on Friday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 for the general public and free for Poetry Center members.

Trading places

Students interested in studying for a year in France or the People's Republic of China should submit applications now to the Office of International Programs.

The exchange program at Fudan University in the People's Republic of China costs \$6,000. Attending the University of Paris costs \$7,000. Exchange students may be eligible for financial aid. For more information, contact Louis Shen at 469-1293.

The Office of International Programs also seeks housing for business students from Shanghai who will participate in an internship program in San Francisco from March 1 to Aug. 1. People providing students with room and board will receive up to \$600 a month.

In addition, the office has begun a program to help visiting foreign students find affordable housing.

Those with rooms to rent or information about housing should contact Sharon Barnett at 469-1293.

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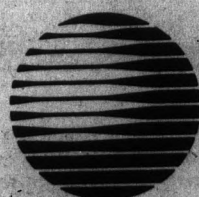
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Who's next?

It happens every couple of years. Some favorite local band breaks away from the smoky club acts, the free shows, and the endless opening gigs and makes it big, really big.

The '60s were spotlighted by great Bay Area acts that somehow caught on. The older segment of our student body can testify to seeing Santana, The Grateful Dead, and Creedence Clearwater Revival at parties and free street shows when they were still "small."

I first saw the internationally popular Journey, who were much better then, at the San Mateo County Fair, before the rest of the world got in on the secret.

The rise of Huey Lewis is just one more chapter in a long-running history of Bay Area success stories. One album catapulted Huey and The News out of the 300-seat clubs and into the international spotlight with all the trimmings.

So who's next? Perhaps we should catch these acts in the clubs before we have to hassle with \$9,000 mad fans in a baseball stadium.

Some people, like booking agents for clubs and arts journalists, make their living by knowing who's strong and who's not, so I asked their thoughts on the question of who's next.

Chris Issack was the first choice of several of these people including Dave Zimmer, a reporter for Bay Area Music magazine.

Isack, who recently released his second album, was Zimmer's choice because of his appealing brand of moody dance music and his tightly run organization.

Despite his personal taste for the band, Zimmer also said that the veteran Eric Martin Band could be the next to go nationwide.

"It's just refreshing of standard mainstream music," Zimmer said of the band, "but their high-powered backing and their connections might make them go far."

Isack was also the choice of

By Ross Larsen



Cathy Cohn, a publicity agent for the I-Beam club on Haight Street. Cohn also spoke of Isack's organization and concert appeal and added intelligence as a factor for success.

Wire Train was the immediate and emphatic choice of Toni Isabella of Bill Graham's Wolfgang's club on Columbus Street.

"There are a lot of good local bands right now," she said. "But Wire Train is doing better than most." We turned about 200 people away from their last show here on January 3.

Some of the area's world-beat bands were also mentioned as candidates for national prominence. Lee Brinkman of the Great American Music Hall said that Zulu Spear, Big City, and The Freaky Executives have all been bringing in large crowds.

"Our consistently biggest draw has been Zulu Spear, although they don't seem ready to make it nationally," she said. "Big City looked strong with two beautiful women fronting the band," she continued, "but I understand they're going through a reorganization now, so I don't know what they will be like."

Isaac Wada of the Bay Guardian's "After Dark" section also mentioned a growth on the world-beat front, but said most of the local bands are not ready to hit it big yet.

She expressed more hope for the "funk punk" sound of Faith No More, whose single "We Care A Lot" is making tracks on the air right now.

"Really heavy funk is getting a big rebirth," she said. "This band has all the right components to make them succeed."

Other bands such as the Dynotones, Eddie and the Tide, and Bonnie Hayes and the Wild Combo were mentioned as possible heirs to the throne Huey holds now. It may be wise to take an autograph book to the next club show you see, just in case.

More from The Beatles

By Ross Larsen

Fab four fans have a couple of reasons to celebrate this month.

The Beatles' British recording label, EMI-Parlophone, has begun selling "Sessions," a collection of 13 complete and previously unreleased Beatles songs in the United States, and Capitol records announced that it will soon produce the original, and longer, British versions of Beatles albums.

"Sessions" is composed of tracks recorded throughout the Beatles' career but never officially released on a record label. The album is highlighted by the 1963 version of "One After 909," released in live form on the album "Let it Be" six years later.

It also includes a burning version of the R&B classic "Leave My Kitten Alone," and "How Do You Do It," slated for their first single, but eventually replaced by "Please

Please Me."

Capitol records made a practice of cutting tracks from British Beatles albums to assemble additional LPs such as "Yesterday and Today." Now they plan to release the longer versions of the albums this spring. An example is the album "Revolver," which will gain the tracks "And Your Bird Can Sing," "I Want to Tell You" and "I'm Only Sleeping."

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Shakespeare moves to New Orleans

By Dan Jacobson

The Queen's English will be traded in for a southern drawl, but even Shakespeare would approve as SF State's Player's Club brings "The Comedy of Errors" to New Orleans.

Shakespeare's classic of confused identities, which opens tonight at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, was originally set in the ancient city of Ephesus, where Elizabethans thought "dark-working sorcerers, soul-killing witches, disguised cheaters," and other sinners lived. Now, director Glenn Havlin will the story a modern flavor by bringing it to New Orleans, the city that loves to throw a party, especially during Mardi Gras.

"By setting the story there, we put the mistaken identity plot in a locality we currently associate with costumes, masks and obscure identities," said Havlin.

"The Comedy of Errors" tells the tale of two sets of twins, the sons of Egeon (played by Scott Vance and Christy "Chuck" Hampton) and the Dromios (played by Roy Levy and Andrew Litzky). They are all separated at an early age and, as coincidence would have



Douglas W. High is a costumed goldsmith in "The Comedy of Errors."

it, the Egeon twins each take a Dromio into their service.

When both pairs wind up in the same city, this time New Orleans, the confusion and the comedy, begin.

The cast has worked to bring clear characterization to a plot that can be confusing to audiences who aren't familiar with the story. Lavish costumes and props will bring color and life to the stage.

More than 90 people, most of

them students, have worked on a set design which will feature the traditional Mardi Gras colors — purple, green and gold. Actor Keith Denebeim, who plays a merchant, traveled to New Orleans to purchase several props for the play. Some of the props will be thrown to the audience during a parade in the show.

Although virtually no lines have been changed from the original script, some of the language was al-

tered to fit the modern setting. Several characters will speak with a southern drawl.

Evening performances will be held on Feb. 20, 22 and 27 through March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre. There will also be matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Feb. 23 and March 2. Tickets, available at the Creative Arts box office cost \$4.50 general and \$3.50 for students and seniors.

Calendar

Events are free unless otherwise noted. The Office of Public Affairs, N-AD 467, has a list of February events.

Thursday, Feb. 20
• "The Comedy of Errors," play, opens 8 p.m., Studio Theatre, Creative Arts Building. (Repeat showings Feb. 21, 22, 27 - March 1. Matinees 2 p.m., Feb. 23, March 2.) \$4.50 general, \$3.50 discount.
• Live music by The Bridge, 5 p.m., Depot.
• Poetry by Dennis Browne and Brenda Hillman, 1:30 p.m., Library 433.
• "Betrayal," play, Brown Bag Theatre, noon. (Repeat performance Feb. 21.)
• "Beverly Hills Cop," film, 4 & 7 p.m., Barbary Coast, \$2.50 general, \$2 discount. (Repeat showing Feb. 21.)
Friday, Feb. 21
• "All That Jazz," film, 5 p.m., Depot.
• Reception for Brigid Finucane's Sculptural Mixed Media exhibit, 6 - 8 p.m., Art Gallery, Student Union. Exhibit runs until March 7.

Monday, Feb. 24

• Apartheid Teach-in, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. through Feb. 28, Student Union.
• Rock video night, 5 p.m., Depot.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

• Hypnotism with Jim Selzes, 5 p.m., Depot.
• "Voices," play, Brown Bag Theatre, noon. (Repeat performances through Feb. 28.)

• "Rambo," film, 4 & 7 p.m., Barbary Coast, \$2.50 general, \$2 discount. (Repeat showings through Feb. 28.)

Wednesday, Feb. 26

• "Our Present Political Course," lecture by Edward Asner, 1 p.m. Barbary Coast, \$4 general, \$3 discount.
• "Easy Rider," film, 5 p.m. Depot.

Ongoing

• "Something in Blue," exhibit of blue-colored items, through March 1, library, sixth floor.
• "Cultural Energy: Photographs by John Collier Jr.," through April 25 library, first floor.

• "Portraits of Italy: The Harmony of People and Places," photos by Kit Haskell through March 28, Frank V. de Bellis Collection in the Library.

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Sports

Sweating the pounds off to wrestle

A reversal of weight

By Donna Kimura

He loses weight like a dragster burns fuel — fast and furious.

In the past five months, SF State wrestler Rich Ellingsen has lost and gained a total of about 400 pounds.

For the 165-pound sophomore, it has been a roller coaster ride of high and low weights as he works to wrestle in the 134-pound division.

"I don't know why I wrestle," he said. "I pretend that it's fun."

Ellingsen does more than just compete in the sport; he does what wrestlers call cutting weight. For him that means dropping 15 pounds the week of a match. The struggle seems to have paid off — he is one of the top wrestlers in his division in the state.

When the team began training in September, Ellingsen weighed 165 pounds, but Gator coach Lars Jensen suggested he lose weight to compete in a lower division.

"Rich, I think you would do better at 134s," Jensen remembered saying. He figured Ellingsen would do better there since he wasn't having success in the 142-pound division.

On a program that includes running five miles a day, lifting weights, and jumping rope in a plastic suit, Ellingsen in two months cut down to his current weight of 150. From there he works every

week to cut the last 15 pounds necessary for him to wrestle.

The plastic suit used to increase sweating helps him to make the weight. In it, he can only jump rope and do light workouts or he will overheat his body.

He said mothers of his friends have gone out and purchased the plastics to lose weight after hearing about it from him.

"I wouldn't be able to make weight without the suits," said Ellingsen.

When he first started to cut, he was light-headed and felt he was skinny and weak, but he has since adjusted to his new weight and grown used to the daily workouts.

He gets through the grind by pretending he enjoys it — then the hills around San Bruno and Millbrae are easier to run and the new eating habits are more tolerable.

"It's a mental thing," said Jensen. "Some people quit."

He called Ellingsen excellent at it, but said not all wrestlers are capable of cutting weight on their own. One time Jensen tied one end of a rope around his waist and the other end around the waist of one of his wrestlers to make him run.

"It's called the Oklahoma technique," said Jensen, smiling.

At the weigh-ins for a national tournament in Iowa, Jensen said, a Big 10 conference champion failed

to show. He was found at the local supermarket with a bag of doughnuts in one hand and orange juice in the other after deciding he couldn't cut weight anymore. His coach found him and helped him cut the weight for the tournament. The wrestler, Barry Davis, became a silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics in freestyle wrestling.

"It's a toughness," said Jensen.

Last month on the morning of a weigh-in for a match, Ellingsen was six pounds over, so he arrived at the track around 6:30 a.m. and ran until he lost the weight. It takes about an hour for him to lose six pounds.

After weighing in, Ellingsen usually eats a meal of spaghetti, potatoes or other carbohydrates to gain energy for his match. After eating he usually has gained back much of his weight. In three hours he can gain back 10 pounds.

Maintaining his weight at 134 would not be good for him, he said, for he would be dehydrating his body.

Jensen recalled his team dining at an Italian restaurant when Ellingsen was watching his weight.

"He looked like one of those people in the concentration

camps," said the coach. "His eyes were sunken in, but after he had something to eat his cheeks were up and he was skipping in the lot."

Early in the season, the team took a road trip to the Midlands tournament in Illinois. Ellingsen found himself 13 pounds overweight and told his coach.

"He thought I was kidding," said Ellingsen.

The first night there he spent two-and-a-half hours in the plastics and lost 7½ pounds. That night he dined on fruit salad.

The next morning he was six pounds over and by running and jumping he cut the weight in two hours.

"Gotta keep sweating," he said.

Ellingsen, 19, has been wrestling since high school and this year finished second in the Northern California Athletic Conference and third in the California Collegiate Wrestling Tournament. At the Division II National Collegiate Athletic Association Western Regionals last week, Ellingsen placed second and will be one of the top seeds at the Division II nationals in Illinois, Saturday.

Jensen said Ellingsen probably will not wrestle at 134 next season. He will most likely be competing in the 142-pound division again.

Jensen said a positive side to cutting weight is that it "gets you in shape."

Ellingsen added, "It's the one and only good thing about it."



Rich Ellingsen hopes to lose 15 pounds again by Saturday.

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Sports

Hoopsters finish season with double victory

Cagers storm Sonoma State

As the Northern California rains fell outside, there was thunder in Gator gym as the SF State women's basketball team closed out their season with a 72-59 victory over the Cossacks of Sonoma State.

The Gators appeared as if they would be washed away with the rain Saturday night as the Cossacks went into the locker room with an 11 point lead, but desire brought SF State back in the second half.

"They came out with knives," said Gator guard Gina Owens about Sonoma's performance. But the Gators, she said, had "incentive to really want the game."

A victory meant the Gators would finish at .500 in conference play with a 6-6 record, while a loss to Sonoma would have given them a losing record in the Northern California Athletic Conference at 5-7.

Returning to the court after being reminded of the importance of the game by coach Maureen Burger, the Gators stormed Sonoma with seven straight points to bring it to 40-44.

The Cossacks didn't score until almost five minutes in the second half when Desiree Lomas hit for two. Sonoma State then surged to another 11-point lead with just over 12 minutes left in the season.

SF State then scored nine straight points behind the inside shooting of forward Caroline Marshall, while the defense kept Sonoma from scoring for another four minutes.

With 7:48 remaining, Owens sunk a basket from the outside to tie the game at 53.

Lightning struck twice as she hit two more jump shots from the outside to give the Gators a 57-53 lead.

Owens and Marshall led the scoring attack for SF State with 16 points each. Forward Megan O'Connell finished with 13 for the Gators and was the game's top rebounder with 14.



Gator David Ortiz (15) and Sonoma's Karl Cartensen in Saturday's regular season finale.

Men claim 2nd in NCAC

By Lionel Sanchez

Senior forward Derrick Seay played in his final regular season game for the playoff-bound men's basketball team Saturday at home against Sonoma State.

Seay rose to the occasion as he collected 17 rebounds and 12 points, mostly on soaring tip-ins.

"We wanted to finish our regular season career at San Francisco State with a win," said Seay. "Nobody wants to remember losing in his last game."

The Gators' 84-72 victory over the Cossacks not only gave them the home court advantage against UC Davis, but also second place in the Northern California Athletic Conference.

Seay and senior center Robert Hickey nearly outrebounded their opponents by themselves as they combined for 30 of the Gators' 57 total rebounds, compared to just 33 for the smaller Sonoma team.

Hickey led all scorers with 23 points. Guard Ray Harden paced the Cossacks with 21 points.

The Cossacks, who were playing the role of spoilers, came out running in the first half and led 14-4 at one point. But the Gators (8-4), who started the game knowing they could finish the evening in either first, second or third place, were not conceding and came back to tie 39-39 at halftime.

Head coach Tim Franklin said he told his players in the locker room that they had to rebound better against the Cossacks, who did not have a starter over 6 feet 4 inches.

The Gators dominated the boards in the second half and turned up their fast-break with guards Johnny Shelton (12 points, 8 assists) and David Ortiz (10 points, 7 assists) leading the way.

The Gators began pulling away with 15 minutes left in the game on a tip-in by Seay and a layup by

...But lose in playoffs

The thorn in the Gators' side this season was the source of their pain in the conference play-off last night as SF State fell to UC Davis 68-75 in a torrid double overtime.

"Our team played well and hard," said Gator coach Tim Franklin. "We have nothing to be ashamed of."

With 20 seconds remaining in regulation play the Gators led 58-54, but with 13 seconds left Dave Wobler connected for Davis and then with two seconds left Aggie Chris Firenz sunk a basket to send the game into overtime.

The first overtime then ended with a 64 standstill, but Davis with three minute remaining in the second overtime pulled ahead to shut the door on the Gators' season.

"We survived another one," said Davis coach Bob Hamilton.

SF State, which finished the regular season in second place in the Northern California Athletic Conference with a record of 8-4, suffered two of their losses to Davis.

Shelton that made the score 54-49. The Gators never looked back after that, as the Cossack starters began to tire and even lose their patience.

Harden was ejected with eight minutes to play after receiving two technical fouls for arguing a foul call. One minute later, Cossack center Charles Taylor fouled out and head coach Dick Walker was forced to go to his bench again.

Seay brought down the house with a familiar showtime alley-oop slam dunk that will be missed after the season is over.

For the record, Hayward State (9-3) held on to first place that evening by, beating Stanislaus, 76-60, while UC Davis (7-5) fell to third place after losing to Chico State.

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closure. All the children went home, said Cindy Caole, director of the center.

As of 3 p.m. yesterday, 10 trees had fallen, said tree trimmer Kevin Dixon of Facilities Planning and Operations. A 50-foot Monterey Cypress in front of the Creative Arts building fell, downing a street light. Dixon cleared the tree on Monday. The light, a key light in a series lighting system, has not been replaced but the system was wired around it. Normal streetlight service was restored by Friday night, said Howard. A replacement bulb for the key light has been ordered and may take a month to arrive, he said.

Grounds crews spent a busy weekend cleaning up other fallen trees, pine cones and branches. Dixon estimated the downed tree in the quad area weighed between five and eight tons and would require at least two days to clear.

Over the weekend seven of 90 glass solar panels on top of Verducci Hall broke because of high winds. Hot water services were not affected.

Howard reported a leak on the fifth floor of the New Administration building Tuesday. He said leaks discovered during high winds and heavy rains are hard to isolate. "You get leaks that you may never see again," he said.

In the Student Union leaks required a "major staff effort to keep water out of the building," said Al Paparelli, Student Union managing director. Major leaks were reported in Pyramid I, where students watch television. Despite the water on the carpet, the soap operas stayed on. Buckets caught rainwater dripping from a skylight onto the Stu-

dent Union lobby. Warning signs were posted and cleanup crews vacuumed the water so floors weren't slippery, he said.

The Student Union has a history of problems with leaks. "We got away real easy this time," said Paparelli. He does not believe any merchandise was damaged.

On Friday night, women's gymnastics and basketball competitions were cancelled. Two Saturday games proceeded on schedule.

Other California State University campuses closed because of the storm, the worst in Northern California in three decades.

Sacramento State closed Tuesday because the levy in the back of the campus threatened to overflow, a spokesman said. There was no flood, however, and the campus reopened Wednesday.

Sonoma State in Rohnert Park closed at 8 a.m. Friday because roads leading to the university flooded. It reopened on Tuesday. A spokeswoman said the flooding has generally subsided.

Friday was not the first time storms caused SF State to close.

On December 22, 1982, the last day of finals, strong winds knocked out three windows, toppled a small tree and caused leaks in several buildings. No one was injured.

At 6:10 p.m. the provost closed the university, cancelling final exams. Students were given the option of taking an incomplete in a course and taking the exam later, or having their grades averaged in lieu of a final exam grade.

John Monteverdi, meteorologist and acting chair of the SF State Geosciences department, said the 92 mph wind gusts are the strongest he can recall since he came to SF State in 1978. He measures wind with an anemometer, which is on top of

Thornton Hall. Current SF State statistics on rainfall, wind speed, temperature and humidity are displayed in a case on the third floor of Thornton Hall.

The gusts may be the strongest recorded in the last 25 to 30 years, said Monteverdi. The average winds recorded since Friday have been 39 mph. Hurricane force winds are approximately 75 mph, he said.

The series of storms can be traced to warm, moist air brought northward from the tropics, he said. Warm air gets funneled northward to the coastline. A jet stream, similar to a river current, pulls the warm air toward Northern California. When the warm air meets the cold air near the coastline, it condenses.

SF State has received close to nine inches of rain since last week, said Monteverdi. The annual (July 1 to June 30) average is 23 inches.

"Essentially we've had more than one-third of our annual average rainfall in one week," he said. "It underscores the unusual nature of the storm."

Ed Clark, forecaster with the U.S. National Weather Service in Redwood City, said the storm was "certainly unusual." The National Weather Service in Washington, D.C., had predicted an abnormally dry season this winter in this area, said Clark. San Francisco rainfall to date from July 1, 1985, is 21.12 inches. To date last year was 15.40 inches. Normal to date is 13.87 inches.

Clark's forecast is for a 40 percent chance of rain today, with occasional showers over the weekend.

"The worst of it is probably over," he said. "Rivers are starting to recede. By Saturday and into Sunday we'll be back into normal patterns."

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prejudice against qualified non-white candidates.

"... I have tried to see this matter as the provost would, and as the dean (Nancy McDermid) would: what I see most is cynicism, fear and confusion," Tick wrote. "As I see it, there could only be one valid reason for the provost's extraordinary measure: our HRT was guilty of racial prejudice... Only Jagdish Jain (a professor in the department), has so far shown the courage to make the accusation openly; those who voted for Eric's motion did so anonymously."

Both men blasted the idea of members from other departments sitting on the English Department's HRT committee.

"The thought that I could be sitting in on a tenured decision in math boggles my mind," said Zimmerman. "Who would have the arrogance to judge something that is not his or her competence?"

"Would any self-respecting 'person of color' permit him/herself to be drafted onto such a committee?" wrote Tick. "Would any of us serve on such a committee because they wished for a person of 'no color'? What a grand way to perpetuate racism this sort of solution is!"

Professor Robin Gajdusek insisted that racism was not a factor in HRT's 1984 decision to recommend Katz instead of Wong.

"If we have erred it was without malice or prejudice, and we are certainly anxious to have more minority teachers — just give us the positions," Gajdusek wrote in a memo he is circulating among the department.

Gajdusek said that someone in the administration told him a job description may be designed to ensure a minority candidate was hired. This could be done, according to Gajdusek's memo, by insisting on possible "acculturation" experiences that minorities might have.

Gajdusek said this was preferable to what he called a "stacked" committee.

"If not, who is to tell the white applicants for future positions, if the job descriptions permit such applications, that they are wasting their time and money. I suspect that we ALL should, and we ALL should stand ready to testify on their behalf at any hearing," he wrote.

Jain, the professor who called attention to the Wong case in 1984, denied he has accused anyone of racism. He said that anyone who thought the department was being



Professor Michael Zimmerman

David Yee/Phoenix

accused of racism was missing the point. He said the department is being accused of racial discrimination in the Wong case.

"This is a travesty of misinterpretation," Jain said. "Sau-ling has not accused the English Department of racism. Sau-ling has accused the English department of improper hiring practices and racial discrimination."

"There is no policy against racism, which is mental attitude," Jain said.

On the other hand, Jain said that Wong was discriminated against.

"Racial discrimination means

that if the end result is that you deny somebody a job on the basis of their racial characteristics, it's racial discrimination whether you intended it or not.

"Even if Anne Katz is equal to a minority candidate, you still have a responsibility to hire the person from the underrepresented group," said Jain, who objected to the low number of minorities in the department.

Jain said he believes that "the English faculty are decent, fair-minded people and I am confident that the department will make real progress in affirmative action."

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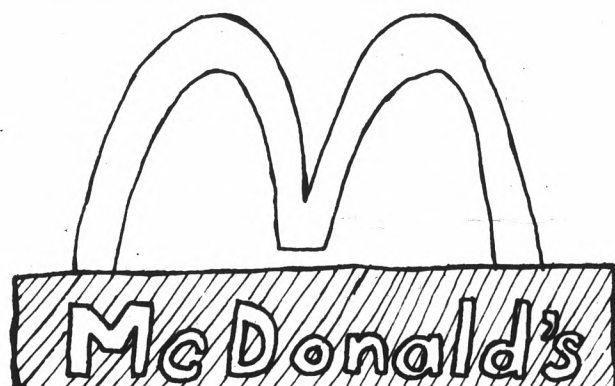
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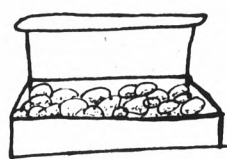
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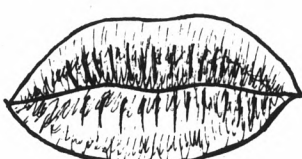
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